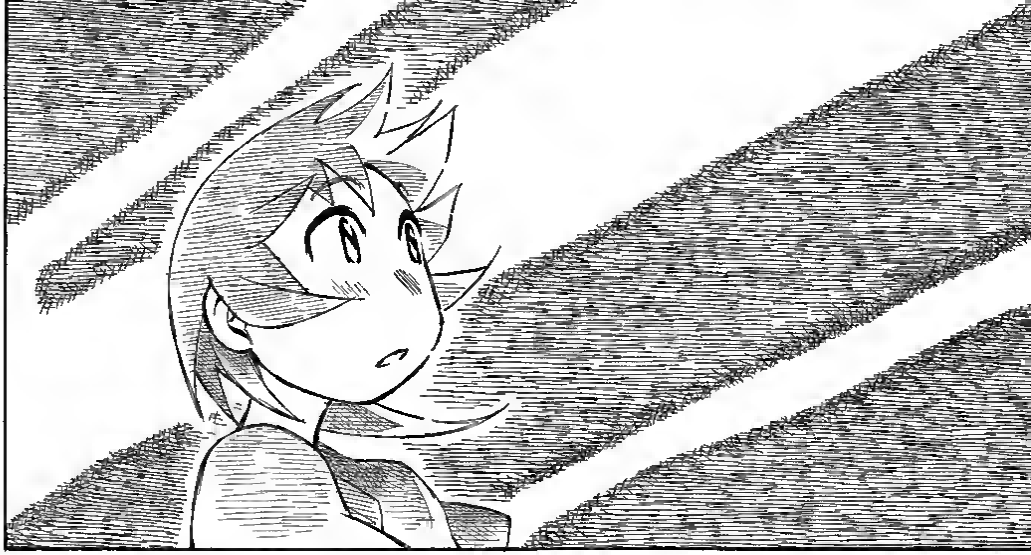

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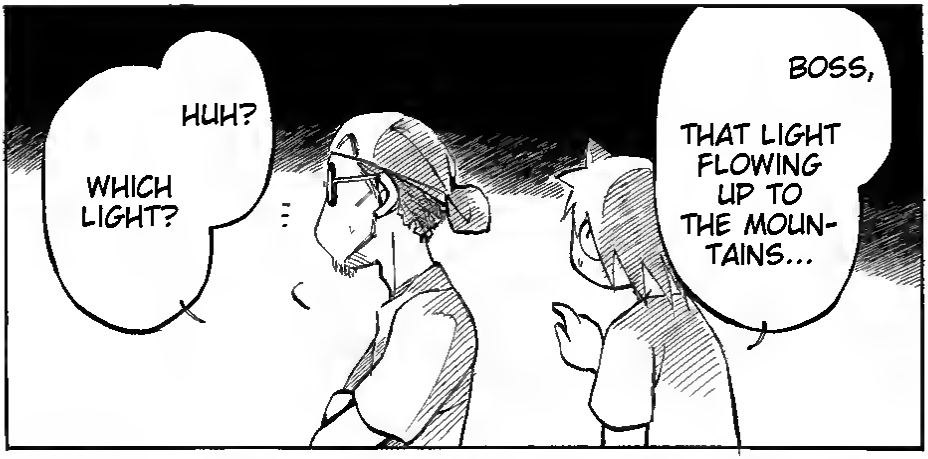
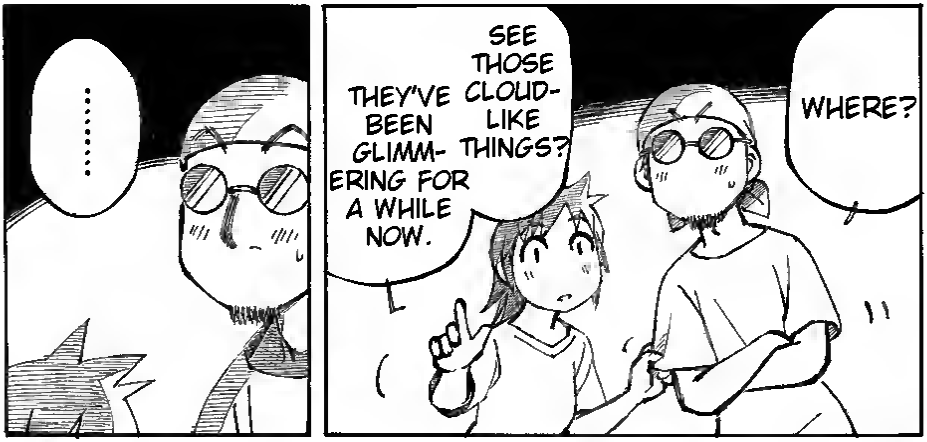

BOSS,
THAT LIGHT FLOWING UP TO THE MOUN-TAINS...
HUH?
WHICH LIGHT?


WHERE?
SEE THOSE CLOUD-LIKE THINGS?
THEY'VE BEEN GLIMM-ERING FOR A WHILE NOW.
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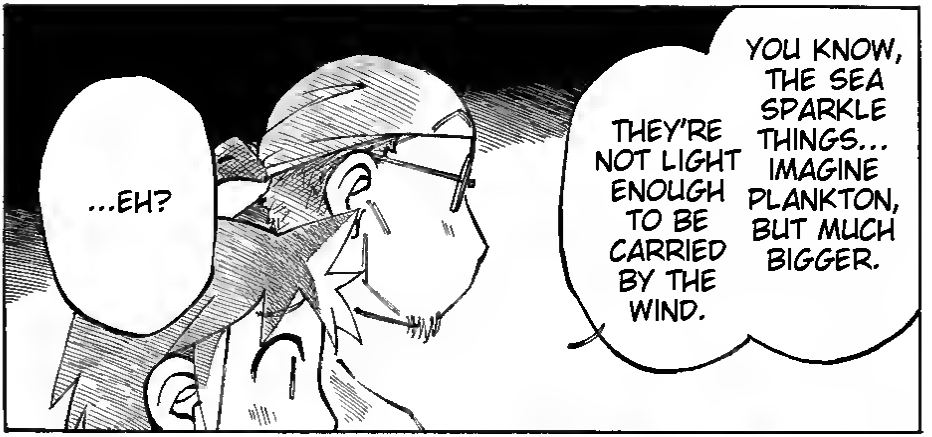
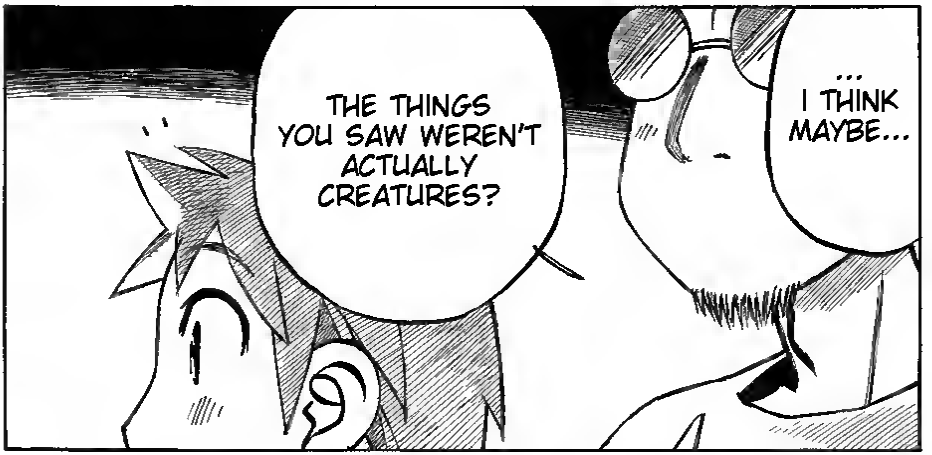
OKAY...
BUT I CAN'T SEE THEM THOUGH...
HUH...?


...EH?
THEY'RE NOT LIGHT ENOUGH TO BE CARRIED BY THE WIND.
YOU KNOW, THE SEA SPARKLE THINGS... IMAGINE PLANKTON, BUT MUCH BIGGER.


THE THINGS YOU SAW WEREN'T ACTUALLY CREATURES?
... I THINK MAYBE...

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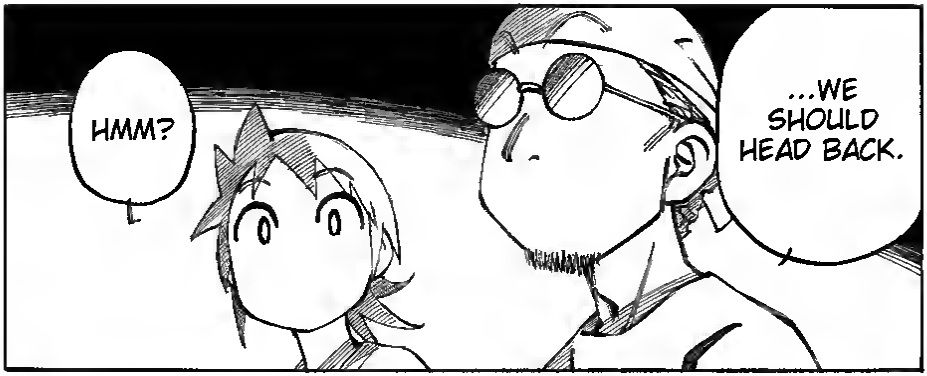
COULD IT JUST BE THAT... MY EYES ARE PLAYING TRICKS ON ME?
MAYBE IT WAS THEIR VITALITY OR ENERGY OR SOMETHING.

THOSE EYES OF YOURS, SUU-CHAN...
I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS OF THEM.
REALLY?

YEAH. I ACTUALLY ENVY YOU RIGHT NOW.
THAT LIGHT FLOWING UP TO THE MOUN-TAINS...
I WISH I COULD SEE IT.

I WISH I COULD SHOW IT TO YOU.



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Boss... he knew all along. About a whole bunch of stuff.

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KOTONOBA DRIVE

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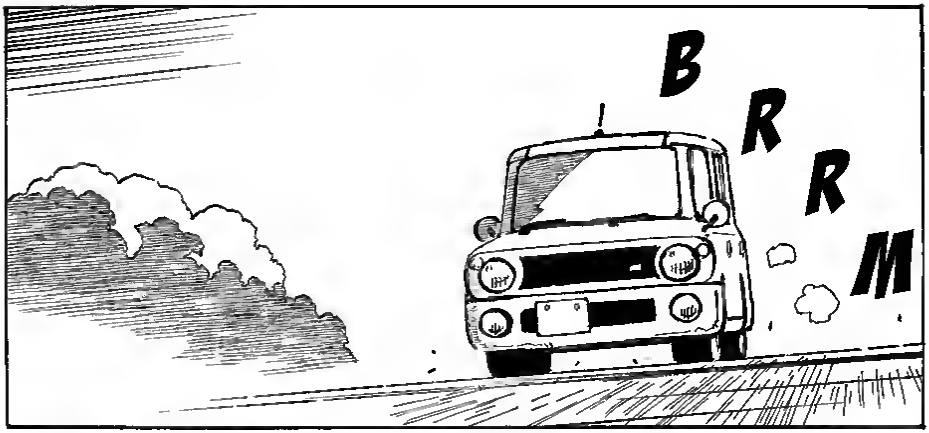
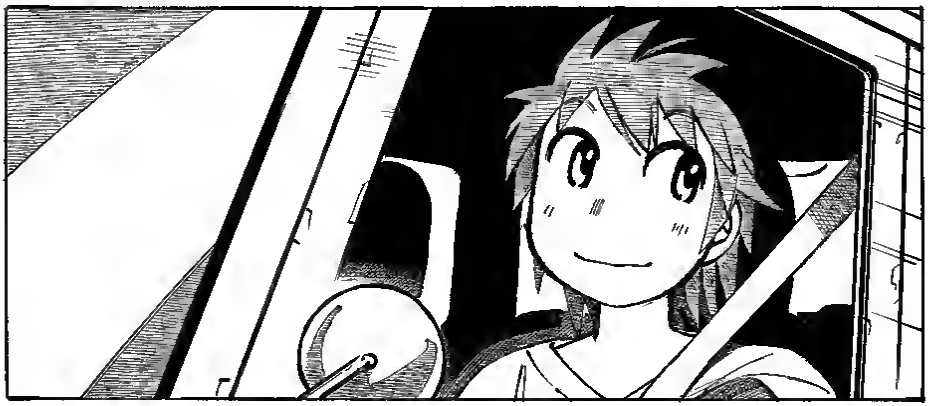
[The Tide Mind]

I'd like to keep watching the waves meet the land forever!
Let's go on a little trip together. Both the paper and digital versions of volume 3 are selling well!

Riding with the windows down! The season for driving is here!





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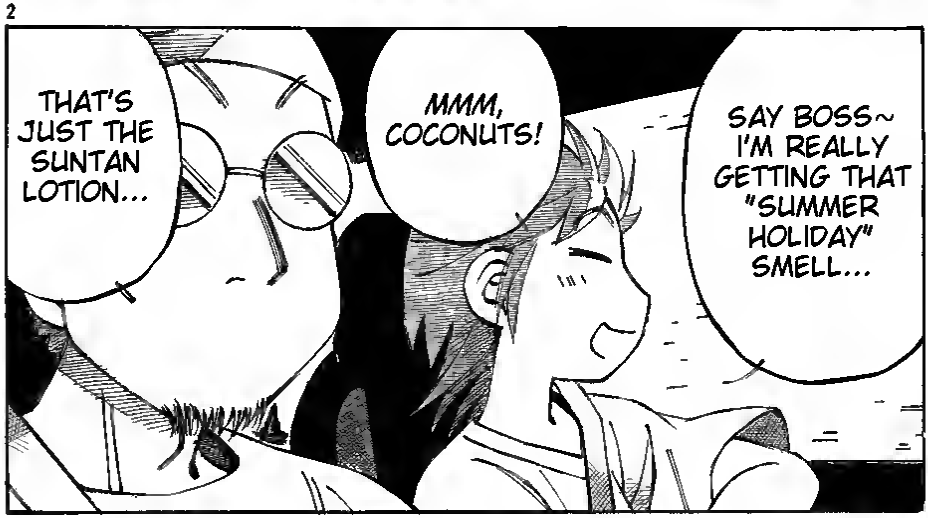
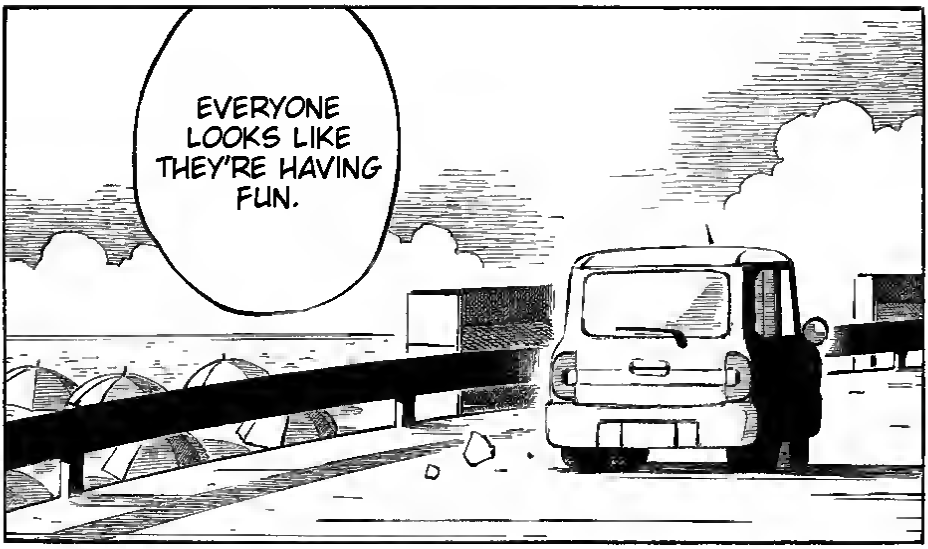
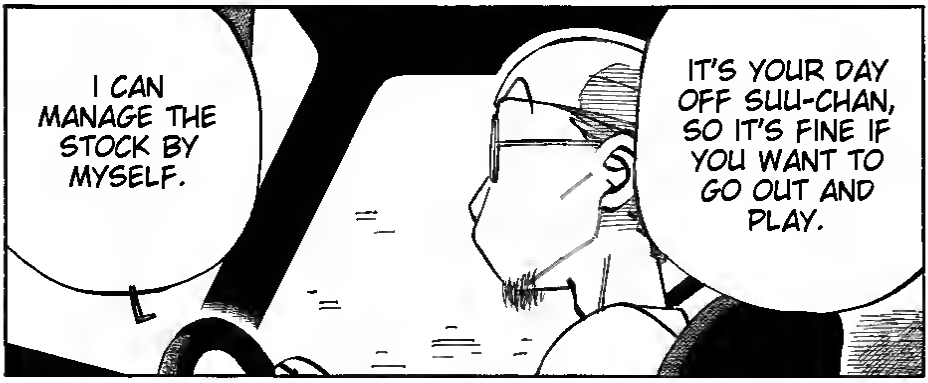



EVERYONE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN.


I CAN MANAGE THE STOCK BY MYSELF.
IT'S YOUR DAY OFF SUU-CHAN, SO IT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND PLAY.

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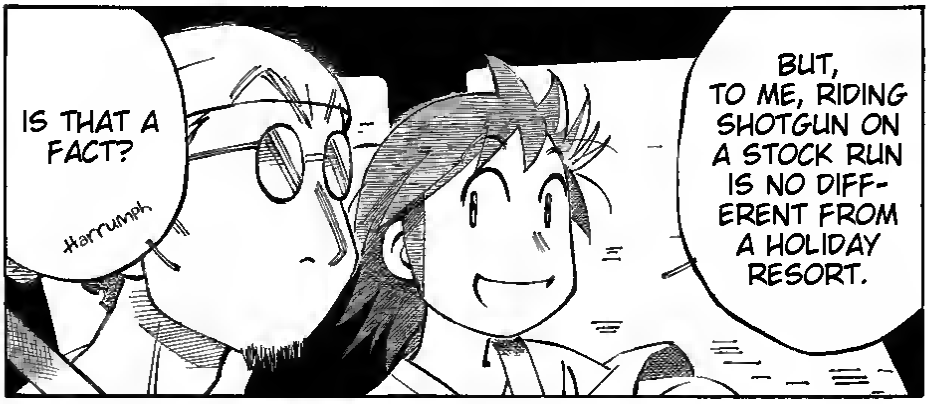
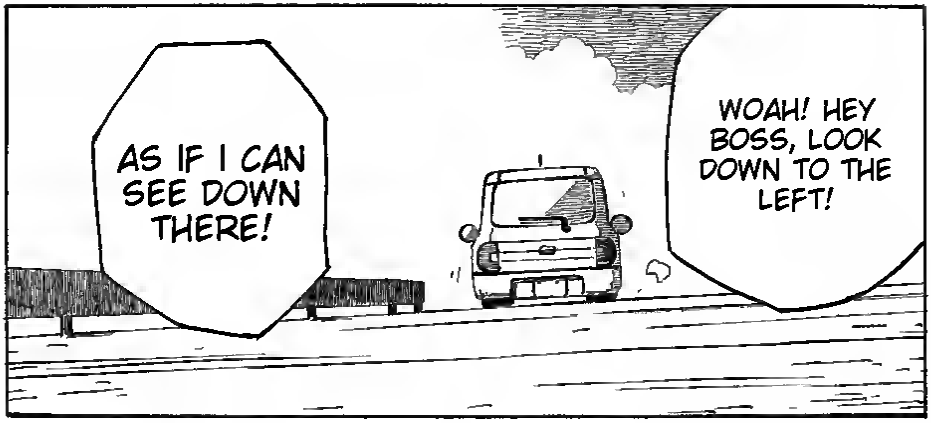
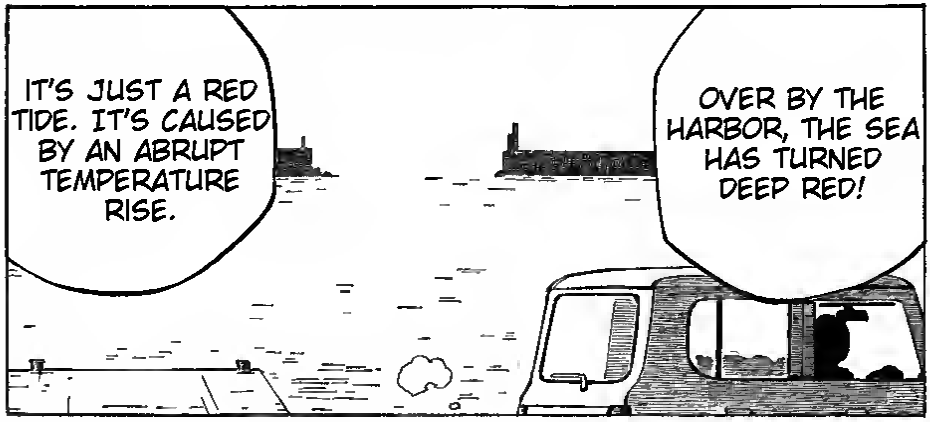

IS THAT A FACT?
Harrumph.
BUT, TO ME, RIDING SHOTGUN ON A STOCK RUN IS NO DIFF-ERENT FROM A HOLIDAY RESORT.


AS IF I CAN SEE DOWN THERE!
WOAH! HEY BOSS, LOOK DOWN TO THE LEFT!


IT'S JUST A RED TIDE. IT'S CAUSED BY AN ABRUPT TEMPERATURE RISE.
OVER BY THE HARBOR, THE SEA HAS TURNED DEEP RED!

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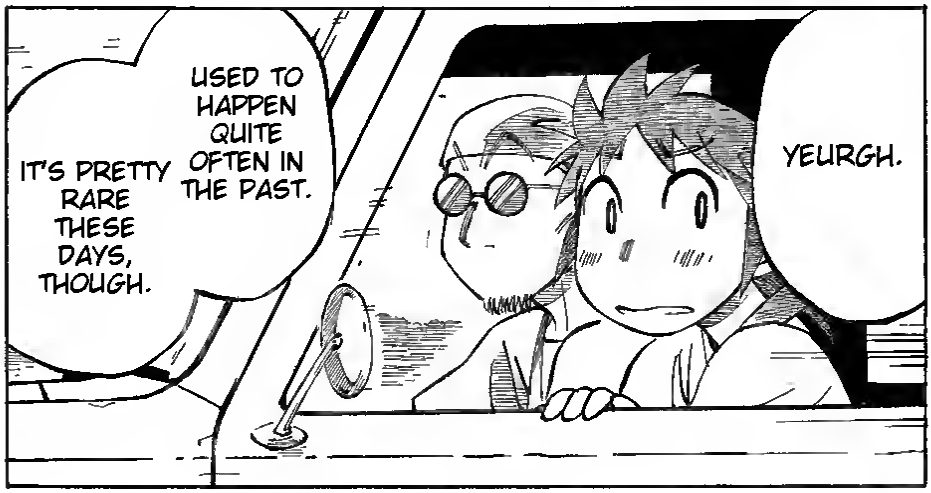
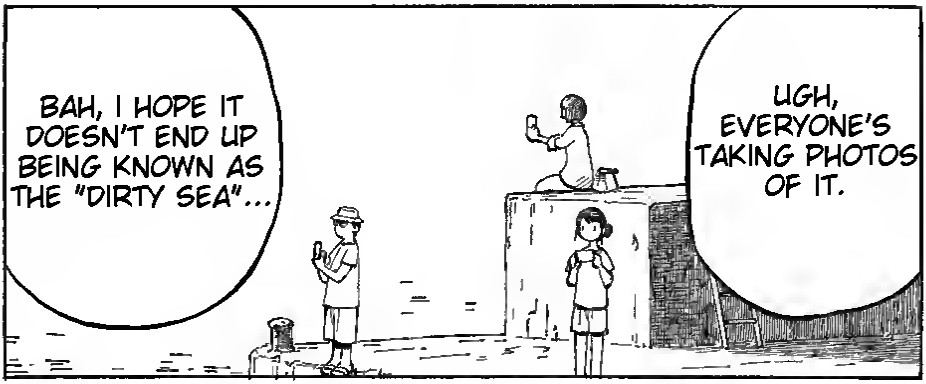
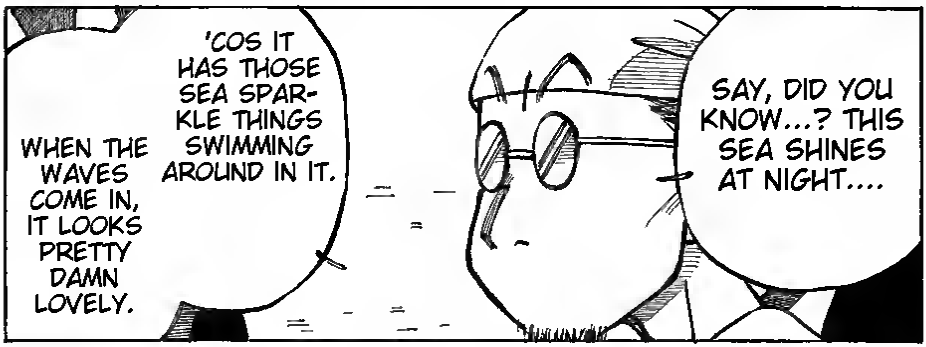

IT'S PRETTY RARE THESE DAYS, THOUGH.
USED TO HAPPEN QUITE OFTEN IN THE PAST.
YEURGH.


BAH, I HOPE IT DOESN'T END UP BEING KNOWN AS THE "DIRTY SEA"...
UGH, EVERYONE'S TAKING PHOTOS OF IT.


WHEN THE WAVES COME IN, IT LOOKS PRETTY DAMN LOVELY.
'COS IT HAS THOSE SEA SPARKLE THINGS SWIMMING AROUND IN IT.
SAY, DID YOU KNOW...? THIS SEA SHINES AT NIGHT....

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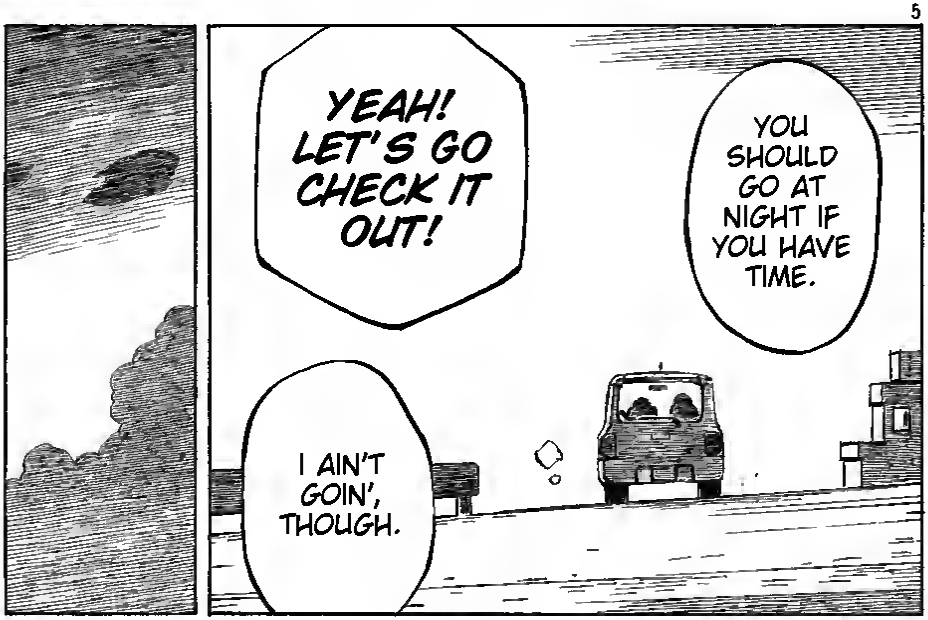
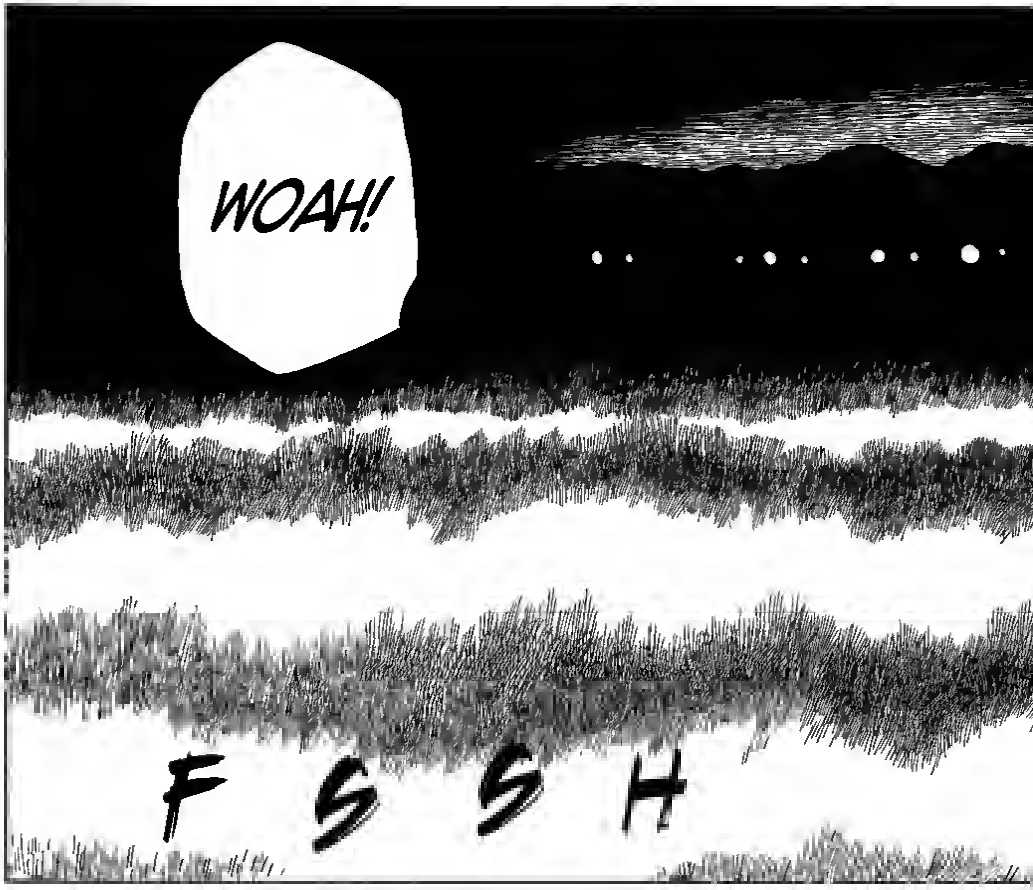

YEAH! LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
YOU SHOULD GO AT NIGHT IF YOU HAVE TIME.
I AIN'T GOIN', THOUGH.



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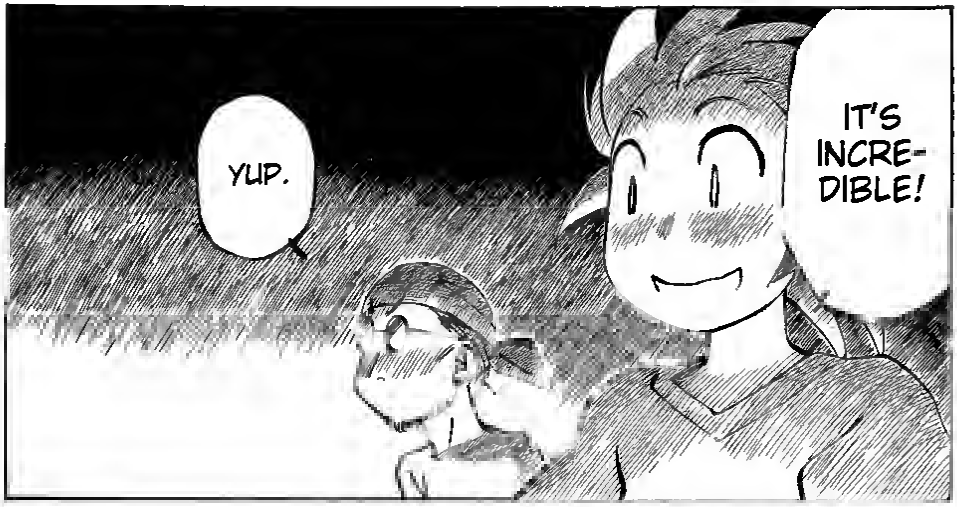

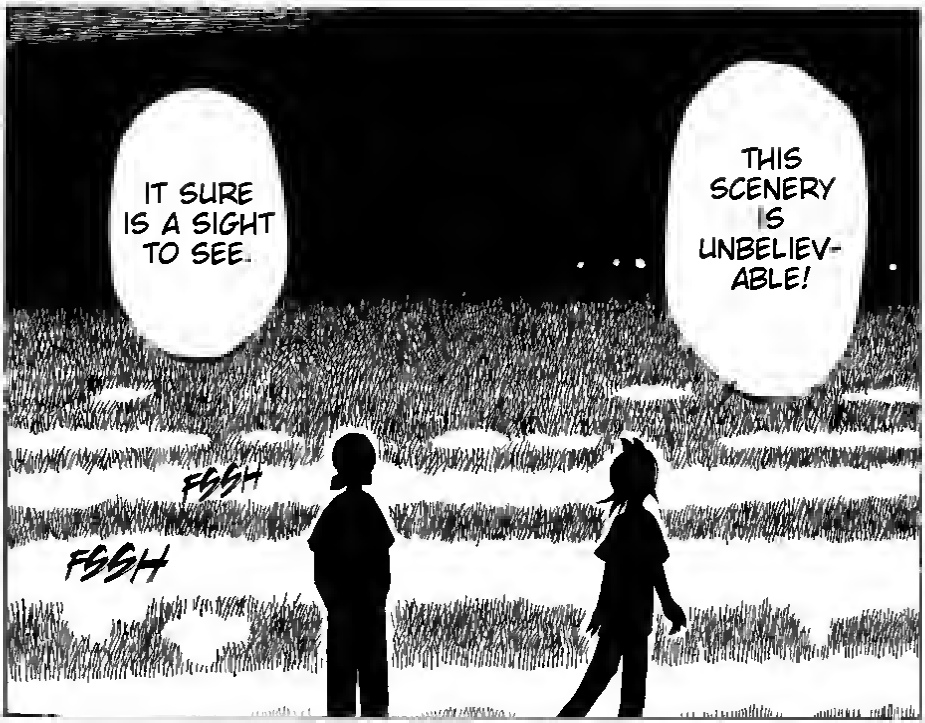
IT SURE IS A SIGHT TO SEE.
THIS SCENERY IS UNBELIEV-ABLE!
FSSH
FSSH

THEY'RE SNAPPING AWAY OVER THERE.
!

IT'S STILL THE SAME SEA YOU SAW IN THE AFTERNOON, YA KNOW.
HOPEFULLY THOSE ARE THE PHOTOS THAT GET SPREAD AROUND.

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